



1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Peoria Richwoods High School Lady Knights won  
3 the 2005 Class AA girls basketball state championship by  
4 defeating Bartlett by the score of 52 to 48 on March 5, 2005,  
5 in Normal; and

6 WHEREAS, The Lady Knights had a perfect 38-0 record, and  
7 their 38 wins set a new state girls basketball record for most  
8 victories in a season; the Lady Knights are the first Class AA  
9 girls basketball state champions from outside the Chicago  
10 metropolitan area since 1986; and

11 WHEREAS, The team members include senior captains Megan  
12 McGann and Stephanie Cole; seniors L'Trice Gulley, Anna Pille,  
13 Kate Clark, and Kara Shoemaker; juniors Kim Knaub, Elizabeth  
14 Sinclair, Jewel Sanders, Kylee Grant, Jacq Richmond, and Hanna  
15 Reising; and sophomores Biannca Ward, Rachal Waldschmidt, and  
16 Alex Starks; and

17 WHEREAS, The coaching staff includes Head Coach John Gross  
18 and Assistant Coaches Ralph Gallo, Todd Hursey, Tom McGhee, and  
19 Kenneth Baker; and

20 WHEREAS, Biannca Ward earned first-team all-state honors  
21 from the Chicago Tribune, the Associated Press, the Illinois  
22 Basketball Coaches Association, and the Champaign  
23 News-Gazette; she also earned first-team all-tournament  
24 honors; and

25 WHEREAS, The students, staff, and parents at Richwoods and  
26 all of Peoria have supported the Lady Knights and are  
27 justifiably proud of the team's exemplary performance and hard  
28 work; therefore, be it

29 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

1 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE  
2 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we congratulate the Richwoods  
3 High School Lady Knights on their 2005 Class AA girls  
4 basketball state championship title; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
6 presented to each member of the team as an expression of our  
7 esteem and with our best wishes for continued success in the  
8 future.